A temporary vacancy of Vocational Instructor (Cutting & Tailoring) arose in Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for Handicapped, Bhubaneswar for which applications were invited from the open market. As the post was reserved for scheduled Tribes candidates and no applications were received from them, the other applicants were not considered. The post was readvertised. In view of lacuna in the notificaion, the applications received are not considered.

Second Channel of Doordarshan

277. SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since decided not to hand over the second channel of Doordarshan to the State Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the State Governments who have demanded the second channel of Doordarshan; and

(d) what hinderances are in the way of Government in allowing 2nd channel to State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (d) Since the operation and maintenance of broadcasting network in the country is a responsibility assigned under the Constitution to the Central Government, the Government has decided not to hand over the second channel of Doordarshan to the State Governments. The names of the States who have demanded second channel of Doordarshan are Sikkim, Tripura, Assam, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and West Bengal.

D.D.A. under Self Financing Scheme

Delay in construction of flats by

278. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a considerable delay in construction of flats by D.D.A. under Self Financing Scheme;

(b) whether the ban on construction of multi-storeyed buildings has already been lifted by Government then what are the reasons for delay in construction of flats under the Self Financing Scheme; and

(c) whether any target date has been fixed for the allotment of flats under the Self Financing Scheme by D.D.A.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ban on construction of multi-storeyed buildings is not related to the delay in the construction of flats under SFS. The delay, in fact, was occasioned by a variety of administrative and operational problems relating to construction contracts, building materials and some times even land. In certain cases the delay has been caused by court cases filed by various interested parties.

(c) There is a balance of about 24,000 registrants from the various SFS Schemes awaiting allotment of flat. Construction of flats and their allotment is a continuous process and it is difficult to indicate any period of time within which the whole demand will be met.